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FROM: Reg Lopez  
Public Utilities Consumer Analyst II  
Utilities Division-Tucson Office

DATE: September 26, 2002

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF SUN CITY WATEER  
COMPANY & SUN CITY WEST UTILITIES COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF  
CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT WATER UTILIZATION PLAN AND FOR AN  
ACCOUNTING ORDER AUTHORIZING A GROUNDWATER SAVINGS FEE AND  
RECOVER OF DEFERRED CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT EXPENSES/DOCKET  
NUMBER W-01656A-98-0577.

Attached is a copy of e-mails and letters sent to the Arizona Corporation Commission in response to the "Customer Notification" sent to the customers of the above noted referenced application.

Preceding Staff's reply is a summary of the nature of the comments expressed.

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## **SUMMARY OF LETTERS FROM CUSTOMERS**

**UTILITY:** SUN CITY WEST WATER COMPANY & SUN CITY WEST UTILITIES

**DOCKET NO.** W-01656A-98-0577

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### **CUSTOMER NAME**

### **NATURE OF LETTER**

PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARE THE EXACT CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMERS E-MAILS AS REFERENCED TO THE ABOVE. ALL OF THE CUSTOMERS ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE GROUNDWATER SAVINGS PROJECT:

William Armstrong Please be informed that I strongly support the Groundwater Savings Project, which proposes to use CAP water for irrigation on the sun Cities' golf courses. William L. Armstrong

Gary Cannon It only makes sense to me that we conserve our ground water. If the CAP water is the most logically approach to take to our overall water conservation program then that is the route we should take. Pumping ground water without regard to consequences is reckless. No matter what program wins out. CONSERVATION IS THE WATCH WORD. Maybe an overall nationwide education program should be put in place in the schools, 4H clubs, etc., to educate all as to how important water conservation is. Those of us who grew up on the farm, understand how important it is to use water wisely and not pollute the supply. Thank you for your time. Gary B. and Pamela Jo Cannon 18002 N 132nd Ct. Sun City West, AZ

Dr. Robert G. Carrie Commissioner Mundell you along with Joseph C. Smith, Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources on July 26th, 2002 strongly supported the CAP Task Force plan for direct use of of CAP water on Sun Cities' golf courses as a groundwater savings plan. As a member of PORA of Sun City West I wish to support the groundwater savings plan as proposed. Thank you for your support of this extremely important issue Robert G. Carrie, M.D 15601 Huron Drive Sun City West, Az., 85375-6501

E-mail: [robertcusa@earthlink.net](mailto:robertcusa@earthlink.net)

Ona Culley In a July 26, 2002 letter to Commissioner William Mundell, Chairman of the Arizona Corporation Commission, Joseph C. Smith, Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources strongly supports the CAP Task Force plan for direct use of CAP water on Sun Cities' golf courses as a groundwater savings plan. He states, "ADWR endorses the direct use of the CAP water within the community because implementation of the GSP will result in an immediate reduction in groundwater pumping and a direct and immediate reduction in groundwater level decline rates beneath the Sun Cities. ...As the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) recognized in its Decision No. 62293, from a water

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management standpoint, direct use within the community is preferred over recharge in the Agua Fria Recharge Project, located seven miles north of the center of Sun City, or other recharge facilities located some distance from the Sun Cities. Recent data indicate groundwater levels continue to decline beneath the Sun Cities/Youngtown area at a significant rate. In addition, satellite imagery data indicate that land subsidence has been actively occurring in the area. For all of the reasons stated above, ADWR urges the ACC to approve the Groundwater Savings Project so that the Sun Cities area can begin addressing its water management issues in an effective way." The article above shows support PORA's plan, and endorses the arguments your PORA Water Committee has put forth in favor of the CAP pipeline. I support the Groundwater Savings Project, which proposes to use CAP water for golf course irrigation. I urge you to grant the use of CAP water. I cannot understand why the group in Sun City is so adamant on NOT using cap water. If they want their property to sink, let them do it. But I want the cap water used here in Sun City West.

Peter Denisevich      We support the ground water savings project as proposed by PORA.  
Peter Denisevich 14815 Buttonwood Dr. Sun City West, AZ 85375

John Erbach      We support and urge you to approve the Groundwater Savings Project, which proposes to use CAP water for golf course irrigation. John & Florence Erbach 13546 W. Ballad Dr. Sun City West, AZ 85375

Anne W. Hance      Attention: Commissioner William Mundell, Chairman, Arizona Corporation Commission I strongly support the CAP Task Force plan for the use of CAP water on the Sun Cities golf courses and urge you to approve this project without delay. Thank you.  
Anne W. Hance

Randolph Hellwig      It is time to cut the comedy. Stop using the aquifer for golf courses. Support Groundwater Saving Project. Randolph & Carol HELLWIG 12618 Bonanza Dr. SCW, AZ

Stanley Kern      Dear Sirs: This is to inform you that I support the Groundwater Savings Project which proposes to use CAP water for golf course irrigation. Signed Stanley M. Kern  
Marceleen M. Kern 20215 Alta Loma Drive Sun City West, Az 85375

Jerry Knoerr      We wish to express our strong support of the Groundwater Savings Project, especially as it proposes to use CAP water for golf course irrigation. Sincerely, Jerry & Judy Knoerr, 13508 Oxbow Dr. Sun City West, AZ.

Henry Lowell      It is of extreme importance that we support this project. Trying to make Arizona like the Great Lakes Area is beyond belief. Tempe Town Lake and now what Surprise is planning to do is crazy. The evaporation alone from these large bodies of water would serve several families. With the tremendous growth of population in the area where the water is coming from to serve them all. Not long in the future there will not be enough water to go around. We need all the support we can get. Thanks Henry Lowell

Robert F. Miller      Dear Commissioners, I wish to lend my support to the issue of the Groundwater Savings Project which porpoises the use of CAP water for golf course irrigation. It is imperative that the use of groundwater for golf course irrigation in Sun City West must be stopped and replaced with water from a CAP source. This is a urgent matter in my opinion and should be acted upon in the earliest possible time frame. Sincerely, Robert F. Miller 13758 W. Via Montoya Sun City West, AZ 85375

Ann & John Murray      My husband and I support this project!

George A. Nimmo      Dear Sirs: I strongly support the "Groundwater Savings Project" which proposes to use CAP water for golf course irrigation in the Sun Cities area. I urge you to please approve the "Groundwater Savings Project" Sincerely yours, George A. Nimmo 20030 N. 146th Dr. Sun City West, Az.85375

Roger Oie      We very strongly support and urge your approval of the Groundwater Savings Project which proposes to use CAP water for golf course irrigation. Roger and Sylvia Oie 13616 W. Caballero Dr. Sun City West. AZ 85375

Joseph Ottoy      Dear Sir, I send you this message as support for the groundwater savings project related to Sun City West and request that you consider a CAP pipeline to Sun City West. Thank you, Joseph Ottoy, SCW Owner

Don Rawson      Sirs:We support using CAP water for golf courses in the Sun Cities. Sincerely, Don & Shirley Rawson File closed.

Floyd J. Rodmyre      Dear Sirs, My wife (Margaret) and I strongly support the Groundwater Savings Project. It seems to be the only logical choice. Sincerely, Floyd J. Rodmyre 12814 W. Shadow Hills Drive Sun City West, AZ 85375-4546

Don Scheidt      We are very concerned aout ground subsidence in the Sun Cities area and express our support for the Groundwater Savings Project, through the CAP pipeline. Don & Anna Scheidt 20015 N. Crown Ridge Dr. Sun City West, Az. 85375

Wayne Schooler      We support the Groundwater Savings Project. Wayne & Edythe Schooler

Don Slater      Dear Commissioners, I can not urge you strongly enough to approve the use of CAP water for use on our golf course rather than pump underground water. Subsidence has already been observed here and the project has been delayed in starting. So, by the time this pipeline is completed there will be more damage to the Sun Cities. ADWR has supported our position so please move this approval along. Vote for the pipeline and use of CAP water. Continuing to use underground well water, will cause irreparable damage to these two large cities. Counting on your vote and rapid approval I remain a concerned resident and professional engineer in Sun City West. Donald Sauter [dmsauter@ieee.org](mailto:dmsauter@ieee.org)

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Robin Tobin            I urge you to support the Groundwater Saving Project to use CAP water for irrigation of the golf courses saving some of the groundwater.

Frank Treibel           We urge the ACC to allow AZ Water Co to begin using their CAP allocation of water and to build a pipeline to the Sun Cities for initial use as water for the golf courses. If we do not act soon we will have cracks and fissures showing up in our community and then vacant houses as well as depressed housing prices. Please do the right thing and get the water flowing as soon as possible. Frank and Beverly Treibel

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE ABOVE CONSUMER E-MAILS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING E-MAIL REPLY IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE ACC: Thank you for your input in this matter. Your comments have been noted for the record.